

## 31 & 33 High Street

The occupants of this building have been particularly difficult to identify with certainty.



37 to 27 High Street



Wilson Fishmonger's at 31 High Street

### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

#### 33 High Street

**1777** Feu of John Clark formerly weaver in Whitehill.

**1789** John Clark's ownership recorded.

**1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory :** Archibald Halliday ran a nail-making business from Back Street (now Catherine Street)

**1838** Sold by James Clark, farmer, Woodend to Thomas Campbell, junior.

#### **1841 census : Front Street 27 & 28**

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Halliday	Archibald			m	45	nail maker	Kirkcudbrightshire
Halliday	William			m	19	nail maker	Kirkcudbrightshire
Halliday	Archibald			m	13		Kirkcudbrightshire
Halliday	Hugh			m	11		Kirkcudbrightshire
Halliday	Robert			m	1m		Kirkcudbrightshire
Halliday	Ann			f	40		Kirkcudbrightshire
Halliday	Jane			f	17		Kirkcudbrightshire
Halliday	Ann			f	7		Kirkcudbrightshire
Rogers	Peter			m	23	shoemaker journeyman	Kirkcudbrightshire
Rogers	Elizabeth			f	25		Kirkcudbrightshire
Rogers	James			m	2		Kirkcudbrightshire

*The 1841 census route covering High Street is confusing. It seems that the route started at the junction with Ann Street. The first property was no.2 High Street and the route continued westwards as far as the Well Entry property (no.--). The enumerator then crossed the road and continued from the Digby Street junction back up to the Bank of Scotland at no.1 High Street. After then detailing Catherine Street, Digby Street and Victoria Street, he appears to have continued High Street from the Well Entry to Fleetvale, crossed the road and walked up from Laurelbank to Digby Street.*

*On that basis, it appears that the above Halliday & Rogers families were living at 31 & 33 High Street.*

*On the same basis, Thomas Campbell jnr (below) would be living at no.39 High Street, at the west corner of Digby Street.*

*But the deeds clearly suggest that from 1838 Campbell owned 33 High Street, next to property subsequently owned by Jardine & Palmer, drapers.*

**1841 census : Front Street 115**

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Campbell	Thomas jnr			m	32	grocer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Campbell	Jane			f	35		Kirkcudbrightshire
Campbell	Alexander			m	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
Anderson	Eliza			f	18	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire

**1851 census : High Street N24**

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Brand	Elizabeth A	head	s	f	22	annuitant	Kbts, Girthon
Reilly	Edward	lodger	m	m	61	house labourer	Ireland
Reilly	Joanna	lodger	m	f	59		Kbts, Girthon
Walker	Elizabeth	head	w	f	39	shoemaker's widow & parish pauper	Kbts, Girthon
Walker	Gordon	son	s	m	17	cabinet maker app.	Kbts, Girthon
Walker	Elizabeth	dau.	s	f	12	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Walker	Margaret	dau.		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Walker	James	son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Dunbar	Gordon	visitor	s	m	26	stone mason	Kbts, Girthon
Young	William	lodger	s	m	23	cabinet maker	Dumfries, Kirkmahoe

**1852 Slater's Directory :** Archibald Halliday was a smith with premises in High Street

**1859 Valuation Roll :** John Brait, draper is occupying a house, shop, backhouse & garden in High Street which is owned by Thomas Campbell. *The 1861 census (entry below) suggests that Brait might be living in this building, but the 1851 census implies that he was living at 11-13 High Street.*

**1861 census : High Street N15**

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Braid	John	head	m	m	31	general draper	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Braid	Grace	wife	m	f	27		Kbts, Girthon

**1871 census :** The property appears to have been unoccupied in 1871

**1881 census : High Street N09**

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Briggs	Adam	head	wr	m	63	china merchant	Dumfries, Dumfries
Briggs	Andrew	son	s	m	29	china merchant's assistant	Kbts, Terregles
Briggs	Margaret	dau	s	f	22	dressmaker	Kbts, Terregles

*Part of this building was probably unoccupied in 1881.*

**1884 Valuation Roll :** Andrew Briggs, china merchant, was tenant of a house and shop in High Street whose proprietor was Mrs Jane Campbell.

**1891 census :** The occupants of this property appear to have been absent on census night.

**1895** Sold by Campbell family to Robert Jardine and James Palmer, drapers, Gatehouse.

**1901 census : High Street 07**

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Byers	George	head	s	m	52	mason journeyman	Kbts, Borgue
Byers	Agnes	dau.		f	15		Kbts, Borgue

## 1911 census : High Street

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Sinclair	William	head	m	m	45	taylor's cutter	Midlothian, Edinburgh
Sinclair	Georgina	wife	m	f	44		Fife, Cults
Sinclair	James	son	s	m	15	law clerk	Kbts, Gatehouse
Sinclair	Harriet	dau.		f	12	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Sinclair	May	dau.		f	5	school	Kbts, Gatehouse

**1912 Valuation Roll :** William M Sinclair, tailor, was tenant of a house in High Street whose proprietors were Robert Jardine & James Palmer, drapers.

**1938** Sold by Alexander and John Jardine to David Cochrane, butcher.

**1962** Part of ground floor sold to John Corson McKie, Market Cross Stores

**1962** Sold by David Cochrane, butcher, to William Wilson, fishmonger.

**1988** Passed to John Wilson.

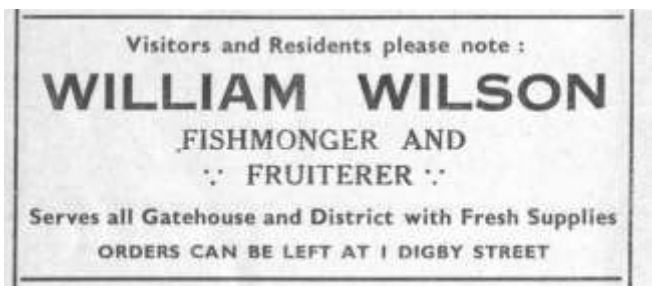
**1990** Sold to James and Patricia Watson

**1994** Sold by James and Patricia Watson to Christina Riddell when fishmonger's shop became an office. Flat above sold separately.

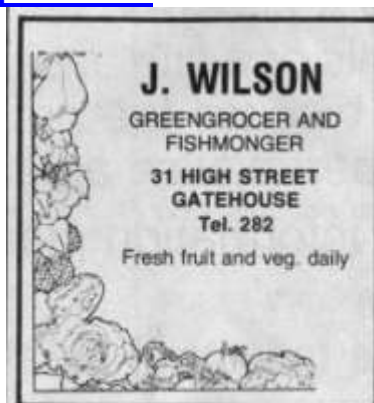
**2005** Former shop sold to Georgina Purse.

**2009** [*Former shop*] sold.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Century Shop Adverts



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